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Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

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**Whereas**, Ray Hollis of Vienna, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration on March 8, 2008, at the First Baptist Church; and

Whereas, on March 18, 1908, in Maries County, God brought a special gift to William and Matilda Wiles Hollis with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Ray, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Ray Hollis will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his marriage to Selma Rowden (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

**Whereas**, Ray Hollis has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include seven children, Norman, Virginia, William, Shirley, Wanda, Johnnie, and Rickie; ten grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Ray Hollis has compiled an impressive list of achievements that includes retiring from Cupples, Incorporated, in 1970; serving as a Maries County Deputy Clerk; working in the State Auditor's office; and toiling as a cattle farmer; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 100, Ray Hollis is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Ray Hollis at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Ray Hollis, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by
Representative Tom Loehner
District No. 112
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Hou Resolution No. 193, adopted January 23, 2008.
Rod Jetton, Speaker